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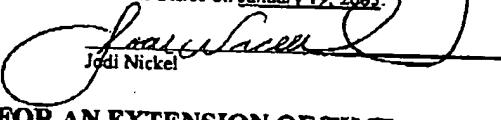
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Docket No.: P-8436.03

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In re Application of: Martin T. Gerber et al. Group Art Unit: 3762
Application No.: 09/843,051 Examiner: George R. Evanisko
Filing Date: April 26, 2001 Due Date:
For: Single and Multi-Polar Implantable Lead for Sacral Nerve Electrical
Stimulation

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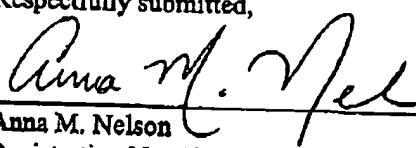
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		Filing Date:	4/26/2001
		First Named Inventor:	Martin T. Gerber
		Group Art Unit:	3762
		Examiner Name:	George Evanisko
		Attorney Docket No.:	P-8436.03U.S.

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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